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Sir:

The above-identified applicant respectfully requests a three-month extension of time within which to file a response to the Office Action dated August 9, 2002, to expire Februry 9, 2003. A check in the amount of \$930 is enclosed herewith to cover the fee for a three-month extension.

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